

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATING PERMIT
UNDER THE STATE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL LAW**

Public Notice Date: March 7, 2005

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Northern Virginia Regional Office, Fredericksburg Satellite Office has received an application for a Pollution Control Project (PCP) pursuant to 9 VAC 5- Chapter 80, Article 6, of the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board's Regulations for the Control and Abatement of Air Pollution for the following source:

Source Name:	Birchwood Power Partners, LP
Registration No.:	40809
Mailing Address:	10900 Birchwood Drive King George, Virginia 22485
Location:	10900 Birchwood Drive, King George, Virginia

The Birchwood Power Facility consists of a pulverized bituminous coal fire (PC-F) boiler, which has a maximum rated heat input of approximately 2,300 million British Thermal Units per hour. The steam generated by the boiler is directed through a steam turbine, which drives an electric generator capable of producing approximately 240 megawatts of electric power.

The source is requesting a modification to its air permit that would allow the use of Landfill Gas (LFG) as an alternative fuel in its PC-F boiler. LFG is a renewable and clean burning fuel. There will be no regulated air pollutant emission changes resulting from the issuance of this permit. This draft permit is being concurrently reviewed as a proposed permit by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, an administrative amendment to the source's current Title V permit is being concurrently drafted.

The DEQ will accept comments until close of business on April 5, 2005. Only those comments received by this date will be considered. The DEQ will hold a public hearing if response is significant. Any comments received that request a public hearing must include the following: (1) The name, mailing address and telephone number of the requester. (2) If appropriate the names and addresses of all persons for whom the requester is acting as a representative. (3) The reason why a hearing is requested, including the air quality concern or concerns that forms the basis for the request. (4) A brief, informal statement setting forth the factual nature and the extent of the interest of the requester or of the persons for whom the requester is acting as representative, including information on how the operation of the facility under consideration affects the requester. Information on the proposed permit action and assistance with requesting a hearing may be obtained by contacting Ms. Sharon S. Cregger at (540) 899-4600, 806 Westwood Office Park, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 on business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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